

Status of Objections and Rejections

1. Amendment filed in the paper of February 19, 2008 is entered.
2. Objection to drawings has been withdrawn in light of amendments to Figure 17 and persuasive arguments filed in the paper of February 19, 2008.
3. Objections to claims 44-49 have been withdrawn in light of claim amendment filed in the paper of February 19, 2008.
4. Rejections of claims 1-11, 19-27, 42, 45-46, and 48-49 under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph have been withdrawn in light of claim amendment and persuasive arguments filed in the paper of February 19, 2008.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Vincent Shier on March 10, 2008.

In the claims:

Claims 12-18, 28-41, and 43 have been cancelled.

Applicant authorized the cancellation of claims 12-18, 28-41, and 43 during the telephone interview of March 10, 2008.

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